

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

LISA H., )  
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Plaintiff,         )  
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vs.                    )  
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**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL         )**  
**SECURITY,              )**  
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Defendant.         )

Case No. 24-cv-361-SMY

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

**YANDLE, District Judge:**

Following entry of judgment in her favor, Plaintiff Lisa H. filed a Bill of Costs seeking \$605 in costs against Defendant (Doc. 23). Defendant filed a timely objection to the Bill of Costs (Doc. 25). For the following reasons, Plaintiff's Bill of Costs is **GRANTED in part**.

Plaintiff seeks costs in the amount of \$405 for the complaint filing fee and \$200 for the *pro hac vice* admission fee (Doc. 23). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(d)(1) provides that “[u]nless a federal statute, these rules, or a court order provides otherwise, costs—other than attorney’s fees—should be allowed to the prevailing party.” Ordinarily the Clerk of Court taxes costs in favor of the prevailing party on 14 days’ notice. Fed.R.Civ.P. 54(d)(1). Those costs may include:

(1) Fees of the clerk and marshal; (2) Fees for printed and electronically recorded transcripts necessarily obtained for use in the case; (3) Fees and disbursements for printing and witnesses; (4) Fees for exemplification and the costs of making copies of any materials where the copies are necessarily obtained for use in the case; (5) Docket fees under section 1923 of this title; (6) Compensation of court appointed experts, compensation of interpreters, and salaries, fees, expenses, and costs of special interpretation services under section 1828 of this title.

28 U.S.C. § 1920. However, “*pro hac vice* fees are not taxable ‘costs’ under [this statute].”

*Canter v. AT&T Umbrella Benefit Plan No. 3*, 33 F.4th 949, 959 (7th Cir. 2022). As such, only

the filing fee of \$405 is recoverable. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Bill of Costs (Doc. 23) is **GRANTED in part**; Plaintiff is awarded costs of \$405.00 for the filing fee.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED: April 9, 2025**

A handwritten signature of "Staci M. Yandle" in black ink, positioned above a circular seal of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. The seal features an eagle with wings spread, holding an olive branch and arrows, set against a background of stars and stripes. The text "UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT" is at the top and "SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS" is at the bottom.

**STACI M. YANDLE**  
**United States District Judge**